

## General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by: (APP)

## AN ACT PROVIDING HEALTH AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR PERSONS EMPLOYED BY CERTAIN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND PRIVATE PROVIDERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of ten million dollars is appropriated for the establishment of an account that shall be used to
- 3 cover any increased costs to long-term health care facilities and to
- 4 private health care providers for improved employee health care
- 5 coverage or employee retirement benefits mandated by collective
- 6 bargaining agreements, provided: (1) The provisions of this section
- 7 shall only apply with respect to health care facilities and private
- 8 providers that receive fifty per cent or more of their operating income
- 9 from Medicaid or from the state, and (2) such account shall not be
- 10 required to cover any increased costs for employee health care
- 11 coverage or employee retirement benefits that exceed the average
- 12 general cost increases existing in established, comparable collective
- 13 bargaining agreements.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	Iulu 1, 2007	New section

## Statement of Purpose:

To assist health care facilities and providers in covering the costs of providing fair health care and retirement benefits to employees who are providing the care to elderly and disabled citizens.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]